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this amendment we added on Select File will not raise the rates of residential ratepayers in the state of Nebraska. The question, I guess, that I have is, I understand that a rather large supermarket may benefit from building in the state of Nebraska from these rate rates, that they are big enough that they could benefit. And I wonder...I don't...I'm not well enough acquainted with the salaries paid in the state of Nebraska to know how this might affect something like this. Does a student who works after school at a grocery store and sacks groceries...what are their salaries? I don't have an answer to that. Senator Beutler, do you know the answer to that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: (Microphone malfunction) ...talking. I'm sorry.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, I'm...I understand that a rather large supermarket may be big enough to benefit under this program. And they use students to sack groceries. And I wonder how this would affect that. I have some concerns there, that we...I just hope we're not doing something here that we would regret at a later point in time. And I'm just wondering if there's a possibility to narrow the scope of your amendment down a little bit.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I would intend my amendment to apply only to full-time employees. So, I wouldn't intend it to apply to part-time students.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I've read through the amendment briefly here. I don't think it says...it says all employees, it doesn't say full-time employees. And if it would say full-time employees, it would increase my comfort level.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I'd be glad to make that change.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That would increase my comfort level. And like I said, this is rather new. Unlike the amendment we put on Select File, which had a full hearing and support of the committee, this is a new issue, and almost should be brought to the Business and Labor Committee maybe. But I understand what